

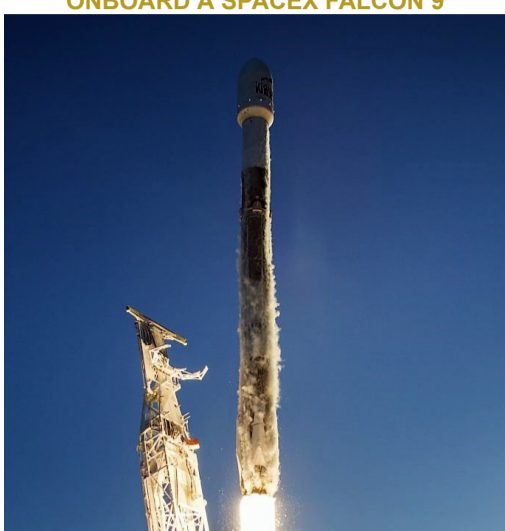


## SIA President's Report

March 2018

### SIA Member News

**IRIDIUM ANNOUNCES 5TH SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF 10 NEW LEO SATELLITES ONBOARD A SPACEX FALCON 9**



Breaking News - On Mar 30th, Iridium announced that SpaceX successfully launched the fifth set of 10 Iridium NEXT satellites into orbit from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. All 10 new satellites have successfully communicated with the Iridium Satellite Network Operations Center and are preparing to begin testing. Shortly before launch, the Iridium network met a major milestone as it surpassed 1 million active subscribers. (Photo credit: SpaceX)

**SES ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF FOUR NEW O3B MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT SATELLITES**



On Mar 9th, SES announced the successful launch of four O3b medium earth orbit (MEO) satellites on board a Soyuz launch vehicle from French Guiana. For more details, please see the SIA Member News page [HERE](#). (Photo credit: Arianespace)

### SIA MEMBER SATELLITE WEEK RECAP AND MONTHLY NEWS HEADLINES

- [Viasat-2 Broadband Service Now Available for U.S. DoD Customers](#)
- [Hughes Announces Shipment of First OneWeb Satellite Gateways](#)
- [Viasat Introduces Innovative Maritime Broadband Antenna System](#)
- [Hughes Doubles Throughput Speed of JUPITER Maritime Data to 200Mbps](#)
- [Spire Plans to Begin Launching ADS-B Flight Tracking Satellites at the end of Q2](#)
- [Inmarsat Government and Globecom Win MSUA Industry Innovation Awards](#)
- [Hughes and GEE IFC Agreements to Bring Faster and Expanded Coverage to US Airline Passengers](#)
- [Iridium Announces Speedcast as Certis Mobile Broadband Provider](#)
- [Globecom to Design and Deploy Ka-band Earth Station in Mexico](#)
- [GEE and OneWeb Announce Executive Appointments](#)
- [Telesat Signs Agreement for LEO Satellite Broadband Testing](#)
- [Eutelsat Commissions LEO Satellite Manufacturer](#)
- [Viasat-2 Wins AWST Award for Extraordinary Achievement](#)

For more details on these and other stories, visit the [SIA Member News Page HERE](#).

### SIA Speaker Events

#### UPCOMING SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

SIA President Tom Stroup will be appearing as a speaker at the following two Conferences in April:

1. [SPACE 2.0 Conference at the Hilton San Jose Hotel in San Jose, CA on April 4th](#)
2. [The Future of Rural Broadband Panel at the Current Issues 2018 Conference in Santa Fe, NM on April 15th](#)

SIA Sr Director of Policy Therese Jones will be appearing as a speaker at the following two events in April:

1. [FCBA CLE - Space Traffic Management at Sheppard Mullin, 2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 100 in Washington, DC on April 4th at 6:00 p.m.](#)
2. [The National Spectrum Management Association 2018 Conference at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge in Arlington, VA on May 15th and 16th](#)

Later this summer SIA will also host the following SIA Member and Industry Events:

1. [State of the Satellite Industry Report - Industry Release/Briefing Reception in Washington, DC on June 13th](#)
2. [SIA Technology Demonstration and Exhibition - House of Representatives on July 10th.](#)

For a list of Association and industry events, please see the [SIA Event Calendar](#) below or click on the [Industry Calendar HERE](#).

### SIA News Headlines

**FCC CHAIRMAN PAI AND COMMERCE SECRETARY ROSS DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AT LEADERSHIP DINNER**



On Mar 12th, Federal Communications Chairman Ajit Pai (above) delivered a keynote address at SIA's 21st Annual Satellite Industry Leadership Dinner. Chairman Pai was joined by fellow keynote speaker Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. The Dinner took place at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. The SIA Leadership Dinner is held annually during SATELLITE Week in Washington, DC. For over two decades, SIA has gathered satellite industry executives and government officials in order to recognize the important role the commercial satellite industry plays both domestically and abroad and to honor individuals who have demonstrated long-term leadership and dedication to public service on issues affecting the industry. The annual event is open to SIA Guests, Executive and Associate Members. For more details, please visit the SIA News page [HERE](#).

**SIA PRESENTS LEADERSHIP AWARD TO FCC IB SATELLITE DIVISION CHIEF JOSE ALBUQUERQUE**



On Mar 13th, SIA announced the recipient of the Association's satellite industry award at SIA's 21st Annual Satellite Industry Leadership Dinner in Washington, DC. Yesterday evening, SIA President Tom Stroup presented the 2018 Satellite Leadership in Government Award to Jose Albuquerque, Division Chief of the International Bureau's Satellite Division at the Federal Communications Commission. "SIA is very pleased to recognize Jose Albuquerque for his current public policy role of promoting a competitive and innovative satellite telecommunications marketplace and for his domestic and global satellite spectrum management expertise," said Tom Stroup, President of SIA. "For more than 20 years, Jose has served the satellite industry in both public policy and commercial industry. Because of this, Jose brings a unique perspective to the role as the FCC's Satellite Division Chief. This understanding will be vitally important, especially at a time when our industry is undergoing significant changes thanks to major leaps in satellite technological innovation. It is with great pleasure that we present this honor to Jose for his distinguished career in public service."

### SIA at SATELLITE 2018



SIA was once again an Official Partner with Show Organizer Access Intelligence, organizing the Government and Military Forum at SATELLITE 2018 in Washington, DC. Pictured above are the featured speakers on the [WRC-19: The Global Future of Satellites Panel](#). The SIA Organized Forum featured five panels plus a [keynote address](#) by NTIA Administrator David Redl. SIA also organized tours of the exhibitor hall for U.S. Government attendees and guests. For more on the WRC-19 Panel, please click [HERE](#). (Photo credit: Boeing)

For a complete recap of the past month's SIA News please visit the [SIA News page HERE](#)

### Calendar of SIA Featured Events

- [SIA SPEAKER - SPACE 2.0 Conference: San Jose, CA - April 3rd-5th](#)
- [SIA SPEAKER - The Future of Rural Broadband Panel - Current Issues 2018: Santa Fe, NM - April 15th-17th](#)
- [SIA SPEAKER - FCBA CLE: Space Traffic Management: Sheppard Mullin Law Office, Washington, DC - April 4th](#)
- [SIA SPEAKER - NSMA Conference 2018: Holiday Inn Rosslyn, Arlington, VA - May 15th-16th](#)
- [SIA WORKSHOP - DoD Commercial SATCOM Workshop: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA - Dec 11th-13th](#)

For a list of ALL upcoming industry conferences, tradeshow, and events - please click [HERE](#) to visit the SIA President's report Event Calendar page.



[Send us an Email](#)



[@satellite\\_SIA](#)



[SIA on LinkedIn](#)